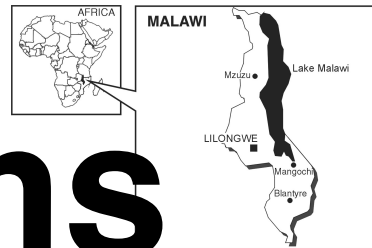


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Arrived in Blantyre- 1 month!!!

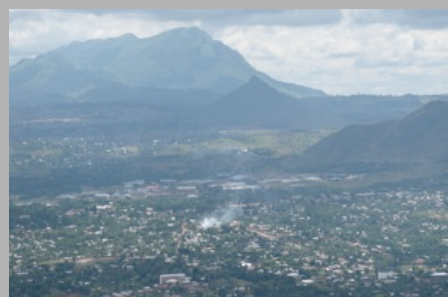
I AM HERE!!! After lots of planning and prayers, I arrived in Blantyre on Saturday Afternoon, the 21st. It was harder leaving than I expected without a return flight home. I know my life here is exactly where God wants me right now but I shed plenty of tears for the tie I will miss with my family and friends. Thankfully, I was blessed with lots of family time before I left! Once I landed in Malawi my excitement grew about what God is doing here. I wanted to share some of my photos of my first few weeks. I am living with Stephanie from the UK. It has been a blessing to have Stephanie here to help me settle and adjust!

Our house is great- more modern than I expected. We have Malawians helping with some of our cooking, cleaning, security and gardening and have become great friends with them. The garden is behind our house and is all organically grown and right now corn and avocados are in abundance! Also, in my first week here some SIM friends joined me in hiking up a mountain close by with a beautiful view waiting for us at the top. AND luckily for me there are children everywhere that say "Hiii Hiii Hiii" every day!

PHOTO ALBUM



In Namiwawa - our house



First hike- a view of Blantyre



Children from my daily walks



Young Life Leader Retreat

Malawian Culture

I am beginning to understand the basics of the culture. Malawians are very friendly and have appreciated my attempts to “fit in” here in Blantyre. I have already had an authentic Malawian dress made to wear to church and have been walking/taking public transportation to get around and I’m settled now on the cost of things for a Malawian in Kwacha (140 kwacha = \$1). It is evident that Malawi is a relationship driven culture, as I am expected to greet friends/passing persons properly and spend time with them...even if that means being late or that my trip will take an hour to go about 20 minutes. Time and more modern thinking (women in pants) are developing here through western influence but 80% of Malawi is rural villages where traditions are still heavily valued. *Please pray for my cultural learning (and embracing culture shock) with a humble spirit, being inquisitive but developing a respect for how our partner church, Africa Evangelical Church (AEC) is getting involved in the community.*

INTERNET TROUBLES:

One of the hardest adjustments for me has been the ability to communicate back home. Calling costs a lot and the INTERNET is still developing here. It’s hard to imagine but downloading emails here takes about 30 minutes and uploading my website has proved to be so difficult but I’m trying!!!

www.sarahinmalawi.com is my website- so take a look!!! *Please pray I am able to effectively communicate my experiences here in a timely manner!*

Ministry Update

Some of my ministry details are being worked through at the moment but I have started coaching at a private school called St. Andrew’s. Believe it or not, I’m coaching soccer and field hockey, the HOT new sport of Malawi! So, I’m able to instantly connect with a group of girls through my coaching to further get adjusted and know the culture through the eyes of Malawian youth! I’m partnering with Young Life Malawi and just this week I will start attending a small group bible study (aka: campaigners). *Please pray for these 10 girls that I will be discipling!* I also hope to get connected right away with different groups of kids. I’m very comfortable

there and think it will help ease my transition of thinking as Malawian youth. I also had the opportunity to attend a Young Life weekend leader training retreat! It was great to have fellowship and fun!!! *Please pray that I follow God’s leading in sorting out all the details of my ministry here in Malawi!!!*

Language Learning

I am feverishly trying to learn as much Chechewa as possible. I have chosen to do one-on-one language learning and right now we are on a “need to know” basis. *Please continue to pray that my language learning is efficient and relevant to the youth.* Here’s a typical greeting: **Muli bwanji?** (How are you?) **Ndili bwino. Kaya inu?** (I’m well. And you?) **Ndili bwinonso.** (I am well also.) Not bad, huh???



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